

How to Do a LGH/STRTP Placement

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Change of Placement (COP) Requirements When Notice is Given to Move Child/Youth

Forms

The following forms are references in this file:

- 04-24A-P English/ Spanish) or 04-24 C Authorized to Use or Disclose Protected health Information-All Providers
Order Authorizing Examination and Treatment-Court
 - 04-24P/04-24Psp Consent to Treat-Parent
 - 04-27 STRTP Screening Assessment (CWS/CMS Template)
 - 04-61 Clothing Inventory and Record of Personal Belongings
 - 04-75 Statement of Dangerous Propensities (CWS/CMS Template)
 - 07-65 Placement Information and Payment Authorization (CWS/CMS Template)
 - [SOC 154](#) Agency-Group Home Agreement
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Background

Under the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR), reliance on residential care is limited to circumstances when the youth requires residentially- based, short-term treatment interventions designed to enable the youth's successful transition into a permanent home-based family placement.

AB 403 established a new licensed children's residential facility type called Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP). The STRTP is intended for youth whose behavioral and therapeutic needs are not able to be met in a home-based family setting, even with the provision of supportive services, and who require the level of supervision and clinical interventions provided by the STRTP provider.

Placement of a youth in an STRTP or Licensed Group Home (LGH) that has been granted a rate extension by the California Department of Social Services must be approved by the Interagency Placement Committee (IPC) that has considered the recommendation of the Child and Family team. A youth may be accepted into a LGH/STRTP if the IPC determines the youth meets criteria as required in WIC sections 4096 and 11462.01.

Policy

The SW must obtain approval from the Interagency Placement Committee (IPC) prior to initiating an initial and continued placement of a youth into a LGH/STRTP and court request for a LGH/STRTP placement order for a youth, unless an approval for an Emergency Placement into Congregate Care is obtained.

The SW must provide a copy of the approved 04-27 (STRTP Screening Assessment) to County Counsel (CC) at the time of screening for the 387 petition.

NOTE: FFA's are resource families.

Placement order

If the current placement order is for any non-LGH/STRTP placement then the SW will:

- File a 387 petition and
 - Request order to state "that the child be placed in a LGH/STRTP when one becomes available pending placement that the child be detained in PCC, PCC adjunct or LFH.
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SW responsibilities

The assigned SW is responsible for preparing the youth and his family when a LGH/STRTP placement is being made.

It is important that the SW be personally involved in this placement in order to ease the anxiety surrounding this type of transition.

The assigned SW may consult with a Residential Services supervisor for assistance in completing the placement.

**San Diego County
placement**

Follow these steps when placing a child in a /LGH/STRTP home located within San Diego County:

Step	Action
1	Arrange pre-placement visit.
2	Arrange placement date with /LGH/STRTP.
3	Notify child, current placement and child's family of date of placement.
4	On the day of placement, transport child and personal belongings to LGH/STRTP. Ensure following items have been obtained from previous placement: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medi-Cal card• Prescription medications• Health and Education Passport
5	At the new placement, complete the following paperwork with the LGH/STRTP Intake Coordinator or other appropriate individual: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child's background (dangerous propensities, medical, behavioral family and placement history),• Service Plan for child (school, therapy, recreation, religion, independent living skills, etc.),• Child's clothing needs (a clothing inventory will be completed),• Visitation plan for parents, siblings and relatives.
6	Complete the following paperwork: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SOC 154 (two copies)• 04-75 (two copies)• 04-61 (two copies)• 07-65

San Diego County placement (cont.)

Follow these steps when placing a child in a LGH/STRTP home located within San Diego County:

Step	Action
7	Ensure the following paperwork goes to the SCP: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medi-Cal card• Health Passport• Copy of birth certificate, alien registration, SSN card• IEP• 04-24P and 04-24A-P or C• Name and phone number of child's attorney• Names and phone numbers of parents and relatives.
8	Discuss placement expectations with child and ensure child understands his rights.
9	Discuss placement rules and regulations, expectations, treatment, education, and house rules with SCP and child.
10	Ensure /LGH/STRTP has appropriate emergency phone numbers.

Out-of-county placements

The assigned SW will follow the same steps outlined in the previous procedure table when a child is being placed in an LGH/STRTP located outside of San Diego County. The SW must contact the Child Welfare Services Travel Coordinator for travel arrangements. In addition, ICPC procedures must be followed for out of state LGH placements.

Treatment planning

The assigned SW will be involved with the development of the child's treatment plan. The Needs and Services Plan must be completed within 30 days of placement. The assigned SW reviews and signs the plan. The LGH/STRTP may use the CDSS LIC 625 or another similarly designed form.

Group home and/or Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program children must be seen monthly regardless of where located.

Alignment with SET

This policy aligns with SET [Value 1](#) which supports that relationships with children, youth and families are the foundation.
